

Groom to Make Your Bloodhound Beautiful!

Discover easy, do-it-yourself dog grooming tips.

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The Bloodhound's droopy lower lids help to protect eyes during an enthusiastic trail through underbrush, but eye skinfolds also need to be cleaned and remain dry to prevent eye infections. Clean skinfolds weekly with a moist, soft cloth wrapped around your finger and dry with a soft towel, getting inside creases. Also clean and dry after outdoor trailing-dry thoroughly after bathing.

The Bloodhound's short, sleek, weatherproof double coat is easy to groom. Once or twice a week, brush thoroughly with a slicker brush to loosen dead hair—use a rubber brush to remove loosened hair and help spread the natural oils over the coat until it gleams.

Long nails can ruin a Bloodhound's feet, and any working Bloodhound must have sound, solid feet. Keep nails trimmed with a dremel tool or other electric nail grinder or a nail trimmer made for dogs.

Scissor out any long hairs between paw pads.

Brush teeth at least once a week with a toothbrush and paste made for dogs to prevent tartar build-up and other possible future health problems.